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## PRESERVATION MONTH 2015

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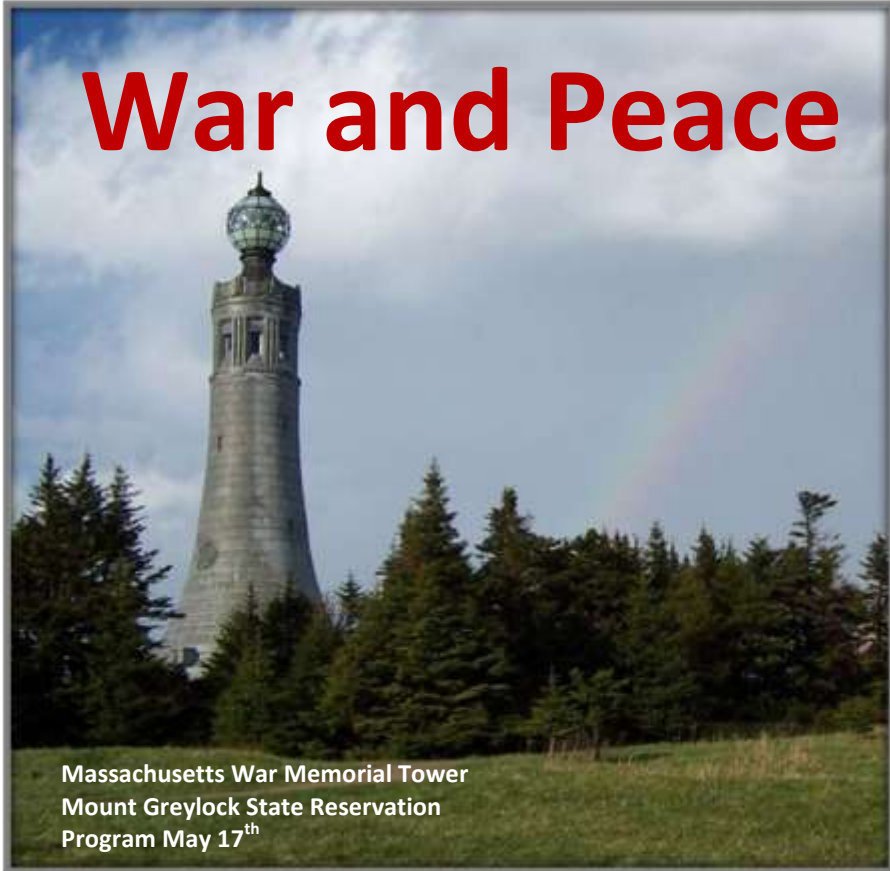
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# War and Peace



Massachusetts War Memorial Tower  
Mount Greylock State Reservation  
Program May 17<sup>th</sup>

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is pleased to welcome you to our statewide celebration of Preservation Month. With 2015 marking the 150th anniversary of the end of the American Civil War, DCR's theme ***War and Peace*** highlights the legacy of war preserved in the Commonwealth's parks. From a Civil War camp at Brook Farm, to the WWII towers at Horseneck Beach and Halibut Point, programs will explore the role of the Commonwealth in American defense, at times of peace, and the commemoration of our war veterans.

Preservation Month 2015 highlights an unprecedented investment in the preservation of the Commonwealth's War Memorial Tower (pictured above). Built in 1933 in memory of Massachusetts' sons and daughters who served the nation, the Mount Greylock War Memorial Tower is undergoing a \$1.6 million rehabilitation to preserve its distinctive character, upgrade building systems, enhance interpretation, and improve accessibility.

DCR is committed to preserving the legacy of Massachusetts' history reflected in the state parks. From Native American sites to designed gardens, DCR's historic properties exhibit centuries of human ingenuity in adapting the land for everyday life. Preservation Month is a time to acknowledge our shared cultural heritage and DCR's work to preserve the past.

We hope you join us!

**Before you go...** Programs are listed alphabetically by region. For more information including directions click on the links to the park web pages or visit [www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/](http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/). Most programs are free, but parking fees may apply. Parking is free for Parks Pass holders, vehicles with handicapped, disabled veteran plates/placard, and seniors 62 and older with the Massachusetts Senior Pass.

**Programs are subject to change**, so call the park for cancellation information. Most programs are rain or shine, but pouring rain will cancel. Physical accommodations are available upon request. Dogs may be allowed on leash in some parks, but visitors should check with the park in advance.

## Preservation Month – Boston

**Brook Farm Historic Site**— 670 Baker Street (entrance shared with the Gardens at Gethsemane), West Roxbury. For more information contact DCR's Stony Brook office: 617-333-7405. This National Historic Landmark is 179 acres of rolling fields, woodland and wetland and was the location of the 19th century experimental society of Transcendentalists. It was also the Civil War site, Camp Andrew.

- **Mr. Ripley's Utopia: The Brook Farm Experiment**, Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7pm. Brook Farm, the short-lived utopian community established by George and Sophia Ripley in 1841 became the country's most celebrated experiment in Transcendentalism as a social movement. Peter Drummey, of the Massachusetts Historical Society will lead a discussion of what Brook Farmers attempted, what they accomplished, and why they failed. The program includes a DCR walking tour of Brook Farm. Please call 617-646-0578 or register on-line at [www.masshist.org/events](http://www.masshist.org/events).

**Castle Island**— Day Boulevard, South Boston. 617-727-5290. Castle Island is a National Historic Landmark and the oldest continuously fortified site in British North America! Fort Independence, a pentagonal five-bastioned fort built between 1834 and 1851, is the site's 8<sup>th</sup> fort and was built with Rockport granite. Free, one hour tours of Fort Independence are co-sponsored by DCR and the Castle Island Association ([www.bostonfortindependence.com/](http://www.bostonfortindependence.com/))

- **Doors Open – Fort Independence Tours**, Saturday – Sunday, Memorial Day weekend, May 23<sup>rd</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup>, 12-3:30pm.

**Charles River Reservation** — Norumbega Road near River Road, Weston. For more information contact DCR's Office of Cultural Resources at 617-626-1389.

- **Doors Open – Norumbega Tower**, Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 12:00-3:00pm, Ever wonder why there is a statue of Leif Ericson on the Commonwealth Mall in Boston? Come climb the Norumbega Tower and learn how in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century the Boston Brahmins, a paternalistic violinist from Norway, and the baking powder magnate from Harvard University crusaded to discredit Christopher Columbus and his "founding" of North America in favor of a Norse perspective. *All ages, rain or shine (lightning cancels). Dogs on leash.*



Fort Independence, Castle Island, Boston

**Dorothy Quincy Homestead**—34 Butler Road at the corner of Hancock St., Quincy. Call the site at 617-472 5117. For information on the Colonial Dames, call 617-742-3190 or visit [http://www.nscda.org/ma/quincy\\_homestead.php](http://www.nscda.org/ma/quincy_homestead.php). Historic homestead built in 1686 with an extensive addition in 1706 and modifications over the next century and a half, with furnishings mostly of the 18th century period.

- **Doors Open** – Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 12-4pm. A National Historic Landmark, the Quincy Homestead is significant for its role in early American history, for its architecture, and for its Quincy family association. The original 1686 rooms of the house are embedded in the 18<sup>th</sup> century Georgian colonial mansion that stands today. In addition to the architecture and furnishings, docents share stories of the Quincy family during the colonial era. *The tour is free. Donations welcome. The grounds can be visited during daylight hours. All ages, rain or shine.*

**Quincy Shores Reservation**, Quincy Shore Drive, Quincy. Begin at any of the three sites listed below, each within a 3 mile radius, or start at DCR Caddy Park located on the southern end of Wollaston Beach along Quincy Shore Drive for a self-directed exploration. Maps available on site. For questions regarding accessibility, please contact Maggi Brown in Hyde Park at 617-333-7404, ext. 102 or email [Maggi.Brown@state.ma.us](mailto:Maggi.Brown@state.ma.us), in advance.

- **In the Footsteps of the First People**, Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 10am -12pm. Join us for an informal Massachusetts Preservation Month Reception at 3 Native History sites in Quincy. DCR Park staff and volunteers will be on site for drop-in visits to three rich native history sites in Quincy from 10 am – noon. Join Ellen Berkland, DCR Archaeologist, at **DCR Caddy Park** (Quincy Shore Dr.) on the southern end of Wollaston Beach and learn about a collection of rare Native artifacts unearthed at Caddy Park in 1999. Meet Maggi Brown, DCR Park Interpreter at **Moswetuset Hummock** (East Squantum Street), the tribal seat of Sac'hem Chickataubut and explore the lifestyles of the first people. The Quincy History Girls of Broad Meadows Middle School, await you at **Passanageset Park** (50 Calvin Road), the tribal seat before European contact and a new Quincy park.

**Stony Brook Reservation**— Bellevue Hill Road (off of West Roxbury Parkway), West Roxbury, 617-333-7404.

- **Doors Open - Bellevue Hill Tower**, Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> 12-3pm. The Bellevue Hill Tower was built by the Metropolitan Water Board in 1914-15, one of three vertical "reservoirs" designed to increase capacity for drinking water in the Boston area. Located atop the highest point in Boston, the 114' w x 47' h granite Tower replaced a smaller 1888 tower, both of which were designed to offer scenic views. Water was pumped through a 20" main from Fisher Hill Reservoir to the Hyde Park Pumping Station, then up to Bellevue Hill where it was distributed via gravity to the surrounding communities. A third tower was built in the 1950s to support increasing demands for water. Bellevue Hill Road and the Tower are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. *Parking available at the top of the hill. All ages welcome, but the climb to the top is steep and may not be suitable for small children. Dogs on leash please. Rain cancels. Co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority.*

## Preservation Month - North

**Bradley Palmer State Park**— Asbury Street, Topsfield, 978-887-5931.

Bradley Palmer was a noted Boston attorney of the early 1900s. Palmer donated his estate to the Commonwealth in 1938, making public 721 acres of rolling meadows, wooded paths and rhododendron-lined carriage roads. Palmer's stately Arts and Crafts mansion has been rehabilitated by Willowdale Estate into an elegant wedding and events center through DCR's Historic Curatorship Program.



Willowdale Mansion, Bradley Palmer State Park

- **Bradley Palmer, War Counsel**, Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 1-2pm. Take a walk around the estate grounds and hear about Palmer's involvement in international politics and world peace. Palmer represented President Wilson at the Versailles Peace Conference after the First World War, and he hosted President Taft and General Patton at his Topsfield estate. *This easy, 1-mile walk is for all ages. Meet at the parking lot.*
- **Doors Open - Willowdale Mansion and Coach House**, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 12-3pm This event is at the Willowdale Estate, a preservation partnership of the Historic Curatorship Program. For information visit [www.willowdaleestate.com](http://www.willowdaleestate.com).
- **Doors Open - E.F. Dodge House**, 550 Highland St., Hamilton. May 23<sup>rd</sup> 12-4pm. Visit the E.F. Dodge House and hear about the exciting project to preserve this 19th century farmhouse through DCR's Historic Curatorship Program. An overview of the history of the house and the ongoing rehabilitation. *Parking is limited, please park along the road inside DCR Highland Avenue entry gate. Adults and older children. Heavy rain cancels.*

**Breakheart Reservation**— 177 Forest Street, Saugus, 781-233-0834.

- **The Flume**, Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 11am-12:30pm. The Flume was constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s for flood control and as a viable damming system for recreation and preservation of the lakes. *For all ages. Hike is about 1 mile, moderate difficulty, wear appropriate hiking shoes. Rain or shine, heavy rain cancels.*
- **Lodge Trail & Ben Johnson's Lodge Site**, Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 11am-12:30pm. Tour the Lodge Trail with a ranger to learn about how Ben Johnson spearheaded the preservation of Breakheart Reservation by creating a private hunting reserve in the 1890s. Visit the foundation of Johnson's lodge and hear the stories surrounding this property prior to the Commonwealth's purchase. *For all ages. Hike is ½ mile across moderate terrain, wear appropriate hiking shoes. Rain or shine, heavy rain cancels.*

**Great Brook Farm State Park**— 984 Lowell Street, Carlisle, MA 978 369-6312.

- **Doors Open - Farnum Smith's Cabin**, Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1-4pm. This cabin used to house park staff and remains in the forest as an icon of days gone by. Come and view this beautiful little treasure and imagine what life was like living here! *Park at the canoe launch on North Rd. ½ mile east of Interpretive Center (165 North Rd.) Adults and children over 6yrs. Dogs on leash welcome. Rain or shine.*
- **Doors Open - Litchfield House**, Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 12-4pm, 247 North Road, Carlisle. This mid-19<sup>th</sup> century residence is a reminder of the park's agricultural past. The house is preserved and maintained by DCR's Curators. *Rain or shine.*



WWII Fire Control Tower, Halibut Point SP, Rockport

**Halibut Point State Park**— Gott Avenue, Rockport, 978 546-2997.

- **Doors Open - Tower Tour**, Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 1pm - 2:30pm. The Lookout Tower at Halibut Point State Park has a long and interesting military history. Join us to learn more. *Meet at the Visitors Ctr. Older children and adults (due to steep staircase). Rain or shine.*



**Harold Parker State Forest**— 305 Middleton Road, N. Andover, Ma. 01845. 978-686-3391.

- **The Blue Soapstone Quarry**, Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1-3 pm. The Blue Soapstone Quarry was run by the Jenkins family in the mid-1800s, and remains one of the few blue soapstone sites in Massachusetts. This is one of the softest quarried stones in existence. The Quarry is adjacent to the former Jenkins mill, where the stone was actually worked using saw blades to cut the stone. Remains of a finishing shed and some finished stones can be seen, as well as the face of the quarry and the contact point with the granite bedrock. Along the walk is also a glacial erratic left by the Wisconsin Ice Sheet. *Meet at Berry Pond on Middleton Rd. Navigate to "Berry Pond, Harold Parker State Forest, MA." Hike is moderately difficult, about 1 mile. All ages.*

**Lawrence Heritage State Park**— One Jackson St., Lawrence 978 794-1655. A restored brick boarding house with two floors of interactive exhibits tells the tale of Lawrence, one of the nation's first planned industrial cities. Along with stories of Lawrence's mill workers and industry, the workers' role in the 1912 Bread and Roses Strike is relived with images and sounds. Walk along the esplanade of a 19<sup>th</sup> century canal amid an industrial landscape. **Visitor Center and Exhibits** are open daily 9am -4pm.

- **Monuments and Martyrs: A Historic Walking Tour of the Campagnone Common** – Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 2-3:30pm. This tour will explore several war memorials on the Lawrence's North Common, while also looking at some of the other historical markers. The Common itself is named for the Campagnone brothers, three Italian-Americans from Lawrence who were killed in World War II. The Common also has monuments to the events of 1912, when the great Lawrence textile strike, also known as the Bread and Roses Strike, took place. *Walk is about a mile on mostly level ground, approximately one and a half hours. No reservations are necessary. All ages, but dogs must be on leash. Heavy rain cancels. Participants are asked to report directly to the Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center at 1 Jackson Street for the short walk up to the common. For more information, please call the Park at 978-794-1655.*



Gatekeeper's House, Lowell

**Lowell Heritage State Park** is part of Doors Open Lowell

[www.doorsopenlowell.org](http://www.doorsopenlowell.org)

- **Doors Open – Gatekeepers House** Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm, 23 School Street. This wood-frame Greek Revival/Italianate house was built in 1847 by the Locks and Canals Company as a residence for the gatekeeper of the adjacent Pawtucket Gatehouse. Meet the new Curator and learn about efforts to preserve the property through the DCR's Historic Curatorship Program.

**Maudslay State Park**— former estate of the riverside trails, and carriage roads. DCR designed Italian and estate buildings have been preserved through Program.

- **Moulton's** ever wondered Learn about Moulton's *Rain or shine, Center. Walk difficulty. Bring Recommended for adults and older children. Dogs on leash.*



Moulton's Castle c. 1870s, Maudslay State Park, Newburyport

Curzon Mill Rd, Newburyport. 978-465-7223. The Moseley family offers restored formal gardens, extensive horticultural collections along the historic rehabilitated the Martha Brookes Hutcheson Rose Gardens in 2000, and many of the former been adaptively reused. The 1800 Farmhouse has long-term lease under DCR's Historic Curatorship

**Castle**, Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm. Have you why there is a Castle Hill at Maudslay? the site of Civil War veteran Henry home on this 1.5 hour hike. *For all ages. heavy rain cancels. Meet at the Visitors is approximately one mile, moderate water, sunscreen and insect repellent.*

**Middlesex Fells Reservation**— Woodland Road, Stoneham, 617-727-5380.

- **Doors Open - Wright's Tower** is open weekends in May 10am-5pm. Wright's Tower was built by the Works Progress Administration in 1937 and named in memory of Elizur Wright, who owned an estate in the vicinity of Pine Hill in the late 1800s and was an early advocate for the preservation of the Fells. Restored in 2008. *Park at Bellevue Pond on South Border Road off Roosevelt Circle (Exit 33) on Rt. 93. Round trip hike is less than a mile.*
- **Doors Open – Tudor Barn**, Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm.. Take a short, easy walk to see the rehabilitated stone barn from the former Tudor Estate. *Bring water and insect repellent. Meet at the Botume House, 4 Woodland Road, Stoneham*

## Preservation Month – South

**Borderland State Park**— 259 Massapoag Avenue, North Easton, 508-238-6566. The historic estate of Oakes and Blanche Ames features farmlands, ponds, and a stone Mansion and designed gardens. The Mansion and Rock Garden have been recently preserved. There is a \$5.00 per car parking fee.

- **Of Governors & Generals: Ames Mansion Tour (2 dates)** Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2pm – 2:45pm & Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> 2pm-2:45pm. Did you know that Blanche and Oakes Ames are related to many politicians and military war heroes? To understand a family, one must look back at previous generations. The Ames Family and their relatives played an intrinsic role in shaping the state of Massachusetts and the Nation. Join the Park Interpreter for a 30-minute guided tour learning about the Ames family involvement in war and in politics. *Meet in front of the Mansion. For adults and older children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Rain or shine. No dogs please.*
- **Doors Open - Ames Mansion Tour**, Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm. Explore the history of the Ames Mansion and support the Friends of Borderland State Park! Join volunteer guides as they conduct tours of the stately home of Oakes and Blanche Ames. See the ornate two-story library, the dining room, and the family room, and more! Tours run about every 20 minutes. *Sponsored by Friends of Borderland and DCR. Meet in front of the mansion. For adults and older children. Donation (\$3) to the Friends requested. Rain or shine.*
- **Doors Open - Wilbur Farmhouse**, 251 Massapoag Ave., Easton, Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 12-4pm. Visit the Wilbur Farmhouse and see the new addition, built using traditional heavy timber framing methods. Hear about the exciting project to preserve this 18<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse through DCR's Historic Curatorship Program. Curator Dale Thistle will be working on site working and will make a short presentation at 1pm and 2pm. *All ages, but children must be supervised. Heavy rain cancels.*
- **Doors Open – Smith Farmhouse**, Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 10am -2pm. Preserved through DCR's historic Curatorship Program, this farm is one of several purchased by the Ames family to create their country estate "Borderland." Join the curators to hear about the public/private partnership to rehabilitate this 19th century farmhouse. *Access from Bay Road, Easton. All ages, easy walking tour. Dogs on leash. For information contact Carrie Crisman, Executive Director of Smith Farm at Borderland, 508-889-8889.*



Ames Mansion, Borderland State Park

**Boston Harbor Islands State Park**— DCR Islands District Headquarters, 30 Shipyard Drive, Hingham, 781-740-1605 x 202. No dogs.



Civil War soldier, Fort Warren (no date, source unknown)

- **George's Island: Fort Warren, Boston Harbor Islands State Park** Sunday, May 17th 11am-12:30pm. Fort Warren, on George's Island, was built to defend Boston Harbor. A military stronghold, this massive fort protected the city of Boston for over 100 years. Starting with the onset of the Civil War, thousands of soldiers lived and trained on the island. The fort was buzzing with activity in times of war, but was put on caretaker status in times of peace. At the close of World War Two, the fort was abandoned and the island was nearly forgotten. Today, thousands of visitors explore the fort's granite walls and graceful archways every summer and are reminded of the islands rich military legacy. Join us to learn more about Fort Warren and George's Island. *Boats depart from Long Wharf North (66 Long Wharf, Boston, 02110). The program is free but you will need to purchase boat tickets: \$17 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$10 for kids. Visit [www.bostonharborislands.org](http://www.bostonharborislands.org) for more information or call 781-740-1605 x 202. Moderately difficult 1.5mile and may include stairs, 75 minutes. Bring*

*water, sunscreen, bug spray. Older children and adults.*


**Dighton Rock State Park**— Bay View Avenue, Berkley (call Freetown Fall River State Forest at 508-644-5522).

- **Doors Open - The Mystery of Dighton Rock**, Sunday, May 10th 1-3pm Dighton Rock is a large rock that once sat in the middle of the Taunton River. But, unlike other rocks, it is covered in mysterious carvings. If you have never seen Dighton Rock and its inscriptions, come visit the Dighton Rock Museum where you can view Dighton Rock and learn about the four theories of who carved the inscriptions on the rock. Docents from the Friends of Dighton Rock Museum will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. *Adults and children over 6. Rain or shine. Dogs on leash welcome.*

**Horseneck Beach State Reservation**, John Reed Road, Westport, (508) 272-9376.

- **Gooseberry Island Tour: Changes through Time**. Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 10-11:30am. Gooseberry Island has gone through many changes including use as a US Army base in the 1940s where a machine gun nest and submarine spotting tower still remain.

We'll also talk about the sinking of U.S.S. Yankee off these shores in 1908. Explore these stories and more on a moderately strenuous hike around Gooseberry Island. The island has a path that runs through the middle of it and we'll also walk along the perimeter of the island. *(further details about this program continue on page 8)*

	<div> <div> <b>May 2015 Preservation Month</b>  <b>War and Peace</b>  Red indicates <i>Doors Open</i> event. </div> <div>* Registration Required</div> </div>		
<b>Sunday May 3</b> 12-4pm <b>Litchfield House</b> , Great Brook Farm SP, Carlisle  1-4pm <b>Farnham Smith's Cabin</b> , Great Brook Farm SP, Carlisle  1-2:45pm <b>Look! It's a Bird! and a Plane!</b> , Chicopee SP, Chicopee	4	5	6
<b>Sunday May 10</b> <b>Mother's Day</b>  1-3pm <b>Mystery of Dighton Rock</b> , Dighton Rock SP, Berkley  1-2:15pm <b>Canal and Tow Path Walk</b> , Blackstone River & Canal Heritage SP, Uxbridge	11	12	13
<b>Sunday May 17</b> 9:30-10am <b>War Memorial Tower</b> , Mt Greylock SR, Adams  10am-12pm <b>CCC Bike Tour</b> , Myles Standish SF, Carver  11a-12:30pm <b>George's Island Fort Warren</b> , Boston Harbor Island SP  12-4pm <b>Wilbur Farmhouse</b> , Borderland State Park, Easton  1-3pm <b>Ames Mansion Tours</b> , Borderland State Park, Easton  2-3:30pm <b>Monuments and Martyrs: A Historic Walking Tour of the Campagnone Common</b> , Lawrence Heritage State Park, Lawrence  3-6pm <b>The Horse Caves on Mt. Norwottuck</b> , Mt. Holyoke SP, Amherst	18	19	<b>Wednesday May 20</b>  5:30-7pm <b>Mr. Ripley's Utopia: The Brook Farm Experiment</b> , Brook Farm, West Roxbury*

<p><b>Sunday May 24</b> 11am-12:30pm <b>Flume Walk</b>, Breakheart SR, Saugus</p> <p>10am-12pm <b>Quabbin Park Cemetery Memorial Day Service</b>, Ware</p> <p>10am- 2pm <b>Myles Standish Monument</b>, Duxbury</p> <p>12-3:30pm <b>Fort Independence</b>, Castle Island, S. Boston</p> <p>12-4pm <b>Lifesaving Station</b>, Horseneck Beach, Westport</p> <p>2-3pm <b>The Western Bay State Regiment in the Civil War</b>, Quabbin Visitor Center, Belchertown, MA</p> <hr/> <p><b>Sunday May 31</b> 11am-12:30pm <b>Ben Johnson's Lodge</b>, Breakheart SR, Saugus</p> <p>12-3pm <b>Norumbega Tower</b>, Charles River Res., Weston</p> <p>10am-11:30 am <b>Cannonballs &amp; Cranberries</b>, Myles Standish SF, Carver</p>	<p><b>Monday May 25</b> <b>Memorial Day</b></p> <p>9:30am-11am <b>Camp Washburn: WW II Training Site to Vacation Destination</b>, S. Cape Beach SR, Mashpee</p> <p>12-3:30pm <b>Fort Independence</b>, Castle Island, S Boston</p>	26	27
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7	<p><b>Friday May 8</b> 10am – 11:30am <b>Gooseberry Island Tour: Changes through Time</b>, Horseneck Beach SR, Westport</p>	<p><b>Saturday May 9</b> 12-3pm <b>Bellevue Tower</b>, Stony Brook Reservation, West Roxbury</p> <p>10am – 2pm <b>Swann Lodge</b>, Swann SF, Monterey</p> <p>1-3pm <b>Moulton's Castle</b>, Maudslay SP, Newburyport</p>	
14	15	<p><b>Saturday May 16</b> 9:30- 11:30am <b>Preparing for War and for Peace</b>, Robinson State Park, Agawam</p> <p>10am-12pm <b>In the Footsteps of the First People</b>, Quincy Shores SR</p> <p>10am-2pm <b>Smith Farmhouse</b>, Borderland SP, Easton</p> <p>11-11:45am and 2-2:45pm <b>Bound By the Circle of Time: The Challenges Faced by Pilgrims &amp; Wampanoags</b>, Pilgrim Memorial SP, Plymouth</p> <p>1 -2:30pm <b>Tower Tour</b> Halibut Point SP, Rockport</p> <p>1-4pm <b>Gatekeeper's House</b>, Lowell Heritage SP, Lowell</p> <p>2-2:45pm <b>Of Governors &amp; Generals: Ames Mansion Tour</b>, Borderland, Easton</p>	
21	22	<p><b>Saturday May 23</b> 12-3pm <b>Willowdale Mansion and Coach House</b>, Bradley Palmer SP, Topsfield</p> <p>12-4pm <b>EF Dodge House</b>, Bradley Palmer SP, Hamilton</p> <p>12-3:30pm <b>Fort Independence</b>, Castle Island, S Boston</p> <p>12-2:30pm <b>Discover Hidden History</b>, Upton SF, Upton</p> <p>1-3pm <b>Soapstone Quarry Hike</b>, Harold Parker SF, N. Andover</p>	



28	29	<p><b>Saturday May 30</b></p> <p>10am-12pm <b>Redcoats, Hessians and Artillery on the Great Road</b>, Otis SF, Otis</p> <p>11am – 5pm <b>Bascom Lodge</b>, Mt Greylock SR, Adams</p> <p>1-2pm <b>Bradley Palmer, War Counsel</b>, Bradley Palmer SP, Topsfield</p> <p>1-4pm <b>Tudor Barn</b>, Middlesex Fells SR, Stoneham</p>
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### Preservation Month – South (continued)



Submarine spotting towers on Gooseberry Island, Horseneck Beach

**(May 8<sup>th</sup> Gooseberry Island Tour Continued)** The terrain can be difficult and there is no shade, so please wear supportive shoes, wear sun block and bring water. Program is best suited for adults and older children. Rain cancels. Meet at the Gooseberry Island Parking Lot. Gooseberry Island is located just past the entrance to Horseneck Beach State Reservation. Follow Route 88 all the way to the end (it is also called Old John Reed Road), then take a right onto E Beach Road. Go Straight on E Beach Road and it will bring you right to the beginning of the causeway for Gooseberry Island. Follow the causeway to the dirt parking lot. There is no parking fee; however parking is limited and available on a first come, first served basis.

- **Doors Open - Horseneck Point Lifesaving Station**, Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> 12-4pm. 241 East Beach Road, (intersection of East and West) Horseneck State Reservation, Westport 508-636-8816. [www.westportriver.org](http://www.westportriver.org). Join the Westport Fisherman's Association (WFA) for their second annual Horseneck Point Life

Saving Station Day. From 12-2 the WFA will present a program on the station and recognize the late architect and historian "Chip" Gillespie. Humane Society Life Saving Station #69 was built in 1888 and moved to its current location in 1894. The Massachusetts Humane Society was founded in 1786 by a group of Boston citizens who wanted to prevent needless deaths from shipwrecks and drowning. By the early 20th century the society operated more than 50 support stations like this one. The WFA has restored the lifesaving station as a museum through DCR's Historic Curatorship Program. *All ages, rain or shine. Parking across East Beach Road. Light refreshments available.*

**Myles Standish Monument State Reservation**— Crescent St., Duxbury (For more information, call 508-208-0675). High atop Captain's Hill, 200 feet above sea level, stands the Myles Standish Monument. This 116-foot granite shaft is crowned by a 14-foot statue of Captain Myles Standish, military leader of Plymouth Colony. Myles Standish Monument will be open for visitors to take the 125 step journey to the top of the Monument and, if it is a clear day, you can enjoy a panoramic scenic vista of the Cape and Southeastern Massachusetts. *For all ages; children must be accompanied by an adult in the Monument. Rain or shine – thunderstorm or severe storm will cancel.*

- **Doors Open - Myles Standish Monument**, Sunday, May 24th, 10am-2pm.

**Myles Standish State Forest**— 194 Cranberry Road, South Carver. (508) 866-2526

- **Civilian Conservation Corps Bike Tour** Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm. Meet at the Interpretive Center for a leisurely and informative bike ride. We will follow the bike trails within the forest and learn about the history of MSSF and the work the young men of the Civilian Conservation Corps did here in the 1930's – camps were right here in



CCC building a road at Myles Standish SF  
(Courtesy DCR Archives)



the forest and were operated by the US Department of War. We'll also learn about the natural history and stop at some spots with good photo opportunities. *Program is for adults and children 10+; younger children in carriers with a helmet are welcome. All participants must have their own bike and wear a bike helmet (no exceptions!), and bring water. Meet at Interpretive Center at 194 Cranberry Road in South Carver. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Cancelled in the event of rain.*

- **Cannonballs & Cranberries** - Sunday, May 31st 10:00am – 11:30am. Join us for a hike around the Rocky Pond Cranberry Bog. We will discuss and explore the history of the bog, including the colonial iron industry, cranberry agriculture and the natural history of the park. You'll learn about this region's connection to the American Revolution, the nearby Federal Furnace, as well as glaciation and the area's wildlife. *For adults and older children. Meet at the Rock Pond Cranberry Bog Parking Lot on Bare Hill Road near Rocky Pond. Rain cancels.*

**Nantasket Beach, Hull, MA**— Indoor Lecture held at the Nantasket Beach Hotel located at 45 Hull Shore Drive, Hull, MA. For more information call 781-740-1605 x 202

- **Graves Light: Past, Present and Future** – Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 7-8:15pm. The Graves Light and Fog Signal Station (part of the Boston Harbor Islands national recreation area) have played an important part of Boston Harbor's maritime seascape for 110 years. Meet proud owners Lynn and Dave Waller, who will present an illustrated historical tale of the construction and operation of (at the time) "The most powerful light north of Cape Cod". Lynn and Dave have scoured archives in New England and Washington, interviewed past Keepers and assembled a story of shipwrecks, storms and spies. They will then show their progress in restoring the facility and share plans for the future. *Co-sponsors include the DCR, the Hull Lifesaving Museum, and the Friends of the Hull Public Library. There is no fee for the program although donations are accepted. Light refreshments provided.*

**Nickerson State Park**, Route 6A, Brewster 508-896-3491

- **Doors Open – Crosby Mansion, 163 Crosby Lane**, Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am – 2pm as part of *Brewster in Bloom*. The Crosby mansion is a monument to an earlier time, a time of opulence, grandeur and painstaking craftsmanship. Built in 1888 by Brewster native, Albert Crosby, for his wife Matilda, the 35-room mansion was named "Tawasentha", probably after Longfellow's poem, "Song of Hiawatha." The house is preserved through a partnership of the Town of Brewster, the Friends of Crosby Mansion and DCR's Historic Curatorship Program. Visit [www.crosbymansion.org](http://www.crosbymansion.org) for more information. *Docents will be available for questions and upstairs tours. A \$5.00 donation to the Friends is encouraged.*



Crosby Mansion, Nickerson State Park

**Pilgrim Memorial State Park**, Water Street, Plymouth, (508) 208-0675.

- **Bound By the Circle of Time: The Challenges Faced by Pilgrims & Wampanoags** Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 11am-11:45am and 2:00pm - 2:45pm. While the challenges Pilgrims encountered in 1620 are well recognized, those faced by the Wampanoag tribe are often overlooked. This tour provides some insight into the on-the-ground realities that framed the relationship between Winslow and Massasoit and led to diplomatic and trade accommodations that were—at that moment in time—mutually beneficial. Please note, this program neither was prepared nor is conducted by Natives; it does not presume to present a Native People's perspective. *This is a free 30-minute walking tour of the historic Pilgrim Memorial State Park. For all ages. Program meets at the information kiosk between Mayflower II and the restroom building. Rain or strong winds cancel.*

**South Cape Beach State Park**, Great Oak Road, Mashpee, 508 457-0495 *Meet at Bayberry Parking lot on right before town beach.*

- **Camp Washburn: WW II Training Site to Vacation Destination** – Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30am-11am. Washburn Island and South Cape Beach have a rich and varied history that includes indigenous people, the US military, wealthy landowners and finally the Waquoit Bay Research Reserve. As we hike along Sage Lot Trail to Waquoit Bay we'll explore changes in land use from amphibious vehicles storming the beaches, to failed development plans and eventually, a sentinel site for scientific research. Learn about the secret WWII training that became the talk of the town in 1942, and learn how an army convalescent camp became a favorite seaside destination for vacationing families and local residents. *Be prepared to walk up to 2 miles, sometimes in soft sand. All ages welcome, but no dogs are allowed. Bring water, binoculars and sunscreen.*

## Preservation Month – Central

**Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, River Bend Farm**— 287 Oak Street, Uxbridge 508-278-7604.

The Blackstone Canal was used from 1828-1848 to transport agricultural products and manufactured goods between emerging industrial centers in Rhode Island and Massachusetts and later powered mill industries.

- **Visitor Center, Following the Plough** self-guided exhibits are open daily 10am-4pm.

- **Canal and Towpath Walk**, Sunday, May 10th 1:00-2:15pm - Meet at the Visitors Center for a two mile long walk from farm to the factory exploring times of war and peace during the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. Learn about the nearby Nipmuc villages and early settlements of the Blackstone Valley; River Bend Farm before the canal era; the historic Blackstone Canal; the transformation of the agricultural landscape and early industrial improvements leading up to changes made to meet the war efforts of the 1860's. *All ages are welcome on this easy walk. Rain cancels.*



The Upton CCC Camp c.1940s

**Upton State Forest**, 205 Westboro Road, Upton. For information contact the Blackstone Heritage State Park at 508-278-7604

- **Discover Hidden History** – Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Registration and Open House 12-1pm; Hike 1-2:30pm. Friends of Upton State Forest join with the DCR for a program highlighting how the Upton Civilian Conservation Camp and local families have played a role in both War and Peace. Meet at the Upton Headquarters Building to see a display about the role of the CCC Camp during World War II. Then take the *Discover Hidden History* hike to the Bradish Cemetery and Leclaire Square. Bill Taylor will share stories of early Upton State Forest settlers who built homes and lived during

times of peace, then answered the call to serve during the War of the Revolution. We will visit nearby Leclaire Square and learn about its connection to the horrific WWII Battle of Leyte Gulf. *Meet at the Headquarters Building near the intersection of Westborough and Southborough Roads (GPS 205 Westboro Rd). A liability waiver is required, with a parent signing for and accompanying anyone under 18. Some people are fearful of dogs so please leave pets at home. Please remember water, insect repellent and insect repellent. Dress for the weather and the trail. We suggest light colored clothing so you can see ticks. This is a moderate 2 to 3 hour hike with hills and uneven terrain.*

## DCR's Division of Water Supply Protection

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For information on DCR's Water Supply Protection properties go to [www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/water-res-protection](http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/water-res-protection)

**Quabbin Reservoir**, 100 Winsor Dam Road, Belchertown, MA, 413-323-7221. The Visitor Center is open daily 9am-5pm. Quabbin Reservoir is one of the largest man-made public water supplies in the United States. Created in the 1930s by the construction of two huge earthen dams, the reservoir is fed by the three branches of the Swift River, and seasonally by the Ware River, and holds 412 billion gallons of water. To flood the Swift River Valley, the entire population of four towns had to be relocated. Hundreds of homes, businesses, a state highway and a railroad line were moved or dismantled, and 6,000+ graves were relocated to Quabbin Park Cemetery.



Civil War Monument, Quabbin Park Cemetery, Ware

- **Quabbin Park Cemetery Memorial Day Service**- Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm. In 1868, Major General John A. Logan, the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, named May 30th as a special day for honoring the soldiers that had died in the Civil War. Like communities all across the United States, the towns of the Swift River Valley commemorated their war dead each year on Memorial Day until the towns' demise in 1938. Since 1947, Quabbin Park Cemetery has been the center of Memorial Day services for the four towns. Please join the Friends of Quabbin, the Swift River Historical Society, the Veterans Council of Belchertown, Chauncey D. Walker Post #239, American Legion and the staff of the DCR Quabbin Reservoir for our annual Memorial Day Service at Quabbin Park Cemetery. Refreshments will be offered at 10:00 am. Parade and services begin at 11:00 am. *The cemetery is located approximately 3 miles east of Quabbin Visitor Center on Route 9 in Ware. All ages are welcome, but no dogs*

*except service dogs are allowed.*

- **The Western Bay State Regiment in the Civil War** – Sunday, May 24, 2-3pm at Quabbin Visitor Center, Belchertown, MA (100 Winsor Dam Rd). The Swift River Valley contributed more than twenty soldiers to the 31st Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment, originally known as the "Western Bay State Regiment," during the Civil War. Now, dozens of newly-discovered manuscripts of diaries, letters, and personal recollections tell the story of the regiment. The documents were found in the archives of the Lyman & Merrie Wood Museum of Springfield History in Springfield. They had been collected in the early 1900s by the regimental historian with the purpose of publishing a regimental history which was never completed. **Cliff**

**McCarthy**, Archivist at the Wood Museum of Springfield History and at the Stone House Museum in Belchertown, will bring that story to life using the soldiers' own words.

## Preservation Month – West

**Chicopee State Park**— 570 Burnett Road (Near junction of Mass Pike Exit 6 and Interstate 291), Chicopee. For more information call 413-584-6788. Meet in the parking lot next to the pavilion.

- **Look! It's a Bird! and a Plane!** - Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1-2:45pm. Chicopee State Park is a peaceful place. It is popular for swimming, fishing, walking and observing nature. At times, the quiet is disturbed by enormous planes taking off from next-door neighbor Westover Air Reserve Base. This guided walk with occasional stops showcases how both the park and the planes came to be here. *Guided walk and talk. 2.8 miles round trip on a paved path with rolling terrain at a moderate pace. Please bring water, sunscreen, and insect repellent if desired. For adults and older children accompanied by an adult. Dogs on leash welcome. Heavy rain cancels.*

**Mount Greylock State Reservation**— Visitor Center, 30 Rockwell Rd, Lanesboro. For information call 413-499-4262. Visitors can drive or hike to the summit of Mount Greylock, site of the Commonwealth's official War Memorial Tower. The 90-foot tall tower is topped with a beacon that shines in remembrance of the state's fallen soldiers. The tower is currently closed for rehabilitation, but the Summit offers other opportunities to enjoy the unique ecology, cultural landscape, and spectacular views of the state's highest peak. Snack, stay or dine at Bascom Lodge, built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. *There is a \$5 per car parking fee.*

- **Most Excellent Majesty** exhibits and orientation film. Stop at the Visitor Center to enjoy new interactive exhibits and a short film highlighting the splendors of Greylock. The Visitor Center at 30 Rockwell Road, Lanesborough is open 9am – 4pm.
- **War Memorial Tower** Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30-10am. Join DCR staff for a walk around the Greylock Summit to hear about the history of the War Memorial Tower, the Commonwealth's tribute to veterans of war. The program will include the reading of excerpts from the original 1933 dedication. The Tower is undergoing a major rehabilitation in 2015-2016 to preserve its unique architectural character and protect it from the elements. The walk is a 30 minute, easy stroll along paved pathways with frequent stops. Bring water and sunscreen.
- **Doors Open – Bascom Lodge** Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 11-5 as part of the Lodge's *Annual Native American Festival*, including a tepee raising, drumming, a mountain blessing and music. The rustic lodge was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1935 and is preserved as an inn and restaurant through the Historic Curatorship Program. Visit [www.bascomlodge.net](http://www.bascomlodge.net) for more information.



Bascom Lodge, Mount Greylock Summit

**Mt. Holyoke Range State Park**— 1500 West Street, Amherst (Route 116, one mile south of Atkins Fruitbowl). For more information call 413-584-6788. Meet at the Notch Visitor Center.

- **The Horse Caves on Mt. Norwottuck - History Hike & Presentation**, Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 3-6pm. Enjoy a late-spring hike on the Mt. Holyoke Range, with a presentation at the "Horse Caves." There's a persistent legend that Revolutionary War veterans hid here after they raided the Springfield Armory. Though it isn't true; the legend still makes a point. Their story of seeking justice from the nation they served is a struggle that resonates today. *Guided hike, 4.2 miles round trip on steep, rocky terrain at a moderate pace. Spring wildflowers, bird song, and an expansive vista at the summit will reward the effort. Please wear sturdy, non-skid footwear, clothes in layers, bring a snack, water, and insect repellent. Recommended for adults. Rain cancels.*

**Otis State Forest**— Webb Road, Otis For information contact Tolland State Forest (413) 269-6002. Meet at the Dam at Upper Spectacle Pond in Otis State Forest.

- **Redcoats, Hessians and Artillery on the Great Road** Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12pm. Follow a historic route of the Great Road, an 18th century route that traversed the Berkshires. Along this way travelled local militias, Crown troops in defense of the Colony, Henry Knox's "Noble Trail of Artillery" on route to Boston in 1776, and Hessian and British prisoners of war from General Burgoyne's defeat at the Battle of Saratoga in 1777. Visit the cellar hole of the Continental Tavern a significant waypoint on the Great Road. *2-hour, 1-mile moderate hike. Wear sturdy footwear (hiking boots and poles advised), bring water, sunscreen and bug spray. Best for ages teen and up. Dogs on leash only.*



"Colonel Knox Bringing the Cannons from Fort Ticonderoga to the Siege of Boston" by John Ward Dunsmore. Courtesy Fraunces Tavern Museum

**Robinson State Park**— 420 North Street, Agawam, 413-584-6788. Meet at the park pavilion.

- **Preparing for War and for Peace - History in Robinson State Park**, Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 9:30-11:30am. In the 1930's unemployed young men joined the Civilian Conservation Corps. Some of them lived and worked at Robinson State Park. Although they didn't know it at the time, they prepared themselves to serve in World War II. And they created an enduring legacy for peacetime recreation. Photos, illustrations, maps and a guided walk help bring this story to life. *Presentation at the pavilion, followed by a walk to see some of their work and the remains of their camp. Two miles round trip on well graded footpaths and paved road with rolling terrain at a moderate pace. Please wear sturdy shoes or sneakers for possibly muddy conditions, bring snack, water, sunscreen and insect repellent if desired. For adults and older children accompanied by an adult. Heavy rain cancels.*

**Swann State Forest**— 169 Brett Road, Monterey, MA. For information call Beartown State Forest at 413-528-0904. Meet at the Swann Lodge at the end of Brett Rd in Monterey. Please travel north from Blue Hill Rd, parking is limited so please car pool.

- **Doors Open - Swann Lodge** Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 10am – 2pm. Please join us for an Open House visit to Swann Lodge where Boston based Youth Enrichment Services (YES) in cooperation with DCR's Historic Curatorship Program have worked to preserve this beautiful space. After a brief tour of the facility, learning about YES and their mission. *All ages, rain or shine. Dogs on leash welcome.*



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## Massachusetts State Forest Commission 1914-1919

In 1914 the state legislature created the State Forest Commission for the purposes of purchasing “waste lands” and establishing productive forests. From 1915-1919 thousands of acres of land were preserved as state forests, with provisions for recreational use. Planted, harvested and managed as crops, these forests helped Massachusetts residents build and heat their homes, provided habitat for wildlife, and enriched the recreational landscape for all to enjoy.

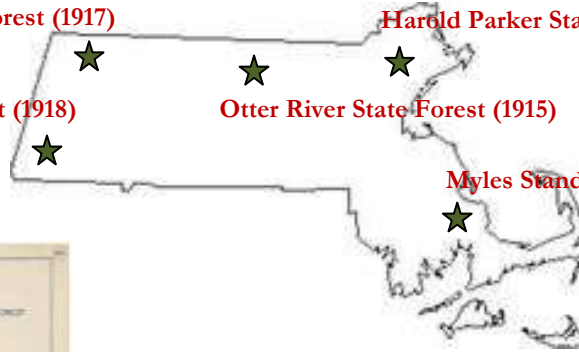
Savoy Mountain State Forest (1917)

Harold Parker State Forest (1916)

Swann State Forest (1918)

Otter River State Forest (1915)

Myles Standish State Forest (1916)



Forest Types at Otter River State Forest (1929)  
Courtesy DCR Plans Library

### *The SFC on the Great War:*

*Here is the opportunity for the Commonwealth to be just and generous, and also to reap a profit. The manhood of our Commonwealth is its most precious asset. Death will claim a large proportion of our young men who in days of peace would have become the fathers of our race. It will be wise statesmanship, then, and no more than common gratitude, to take care of those who escape. Many can find permanent employment in road building, in fire-guard patrolling, in cutting of timber, and in planting, and those not equal physically to any of these occupations can be employed as forest rangers. It is possible, also, to establish upon areas of considerable size a woodworking shop where returned soldiers and sailors unfitted for outdoor labor can be employed.*

*(Fifth Annual Report of the State Forest Commission, January 1919)*



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***The Department of Conservation and Recreation's mission is to protect, promote and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural and recreational resources for the well-being of all.***